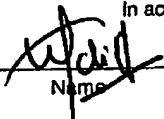


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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION
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Dear Sir,

This paper is supplemental to the Amendment and Response filed September 15, 2004. A Notice of Appeal was filed in this application on January 10, 2005, setting the deadline for filing an Appeal Brief to March 10, 2004. An Appeal Brief has not yet been filed. This paper is accompanied by a Request for a one month extension of time, setting the deadline to April 10, 2005. Accordingly, this response is timely filed.

The following amendments and remarks place the application in better condition for allowance or appeal. Applicant requests entry of this paper into the file pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.116.